LICK
第3話
UH,
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, KOUTA?
NOTHING,
I JUST THOUGHT THAT I'D TASTE SWEET...
LICK
LICK
ANYWAYS, TODAY'S BENTOU WILL BE...
AH
NO, THIS IS FOR SENPAI
SWIPE
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT! NO MATTER HOW MUCH SWEET STUFF YOU EAT, THERE'S NO WAY YOUR BODY WILL BECOME SWEET!
HA HA HA
I GUESS SO...
WHAT THE HECK! YOU GAVE ME ONE YESTERDAY SO I WAS EXPECTING ONE TODAY TOO... I DIDN'T BRING ENOUGH LUNCH MONEY
AUGH
DON'T PLAY WITH ME LIKE THAT
HEY, KOUTA!

MIKA CHAN...
POKE
POKE
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OOF OOF
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE STILL MAKING BENTOUS FOR HIM, HUH.
SO HE'S REALLY NOT BULLYING YOU-?

YES!
YOU'RE SURE?

I'M REALLY ALRIGHT
I'M SORRY FOR WORRYING YOU
THE OTHER DAY... WAS JUST THE RESULT OF A MISUNDER-STANDING

W-WEIRD?!
KOUTA, YOU'RE SO NICE THAT I WORRY SENPAI WILL DO SOMETHING WEIRD TO YOU
THEN FINE!
SIGH
SHOCK

N-NO, IT ISN'T LIKE THAT!
WE JUST TALK AND EAT OUR BENTOU
IF HE HITS YOU, YOU'LL DEFINITELY TELL US, RIGHT?!
SOMETHING...
IF HE...
...HITS ME?
...WEIRD
AHA HA...
OH, SO THAT'S WHAT YOU MEANT
?
THAT DEFINITELY ISN'T THE CASE...

CLACK
THANKS FOR THE FOOD!
I COULDN'T EVER IMAGINE...
...HE WOULD DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT

THAT'S...
TO GET SENPAI'S APETITE BACK TO NORMAL I HAD TO COOK SOMETHING PROPER

OH NO, IT WAS NOTHING
I'M SO HAPPY I CAN EAT KOUTA'S FOOD
I THOUGHT YOU WOULD NEVER COOK FOR ME AGAIN

WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS IF SENPAI'S STARTED EATING AT HOME?!
YOU CAN'T JUST LIVE OFF OF ENERGY DRINKS
YEAH
IT'S POLES APART COMPARED TO WHAT KOUTA COOKS, BUT I'M DOING MY BEST

GRAB
NOW THEN, AFTER THE MEAL COMES...
I WISH HE COULD REALISE THE JOY THAT COMES FROM EATING
HE'S DOING HIS BEST?
LICK
DESSERT!
MY
GULP
SMILE
I ALWAYS HAVE ROOM
FOR DELICIOUS KOUTA♥
THIS AND THAT ARE TWO SEPARATE THINGS
BUT WE'RE ALREADY EATING OUR BENTOU
UUH---H!!

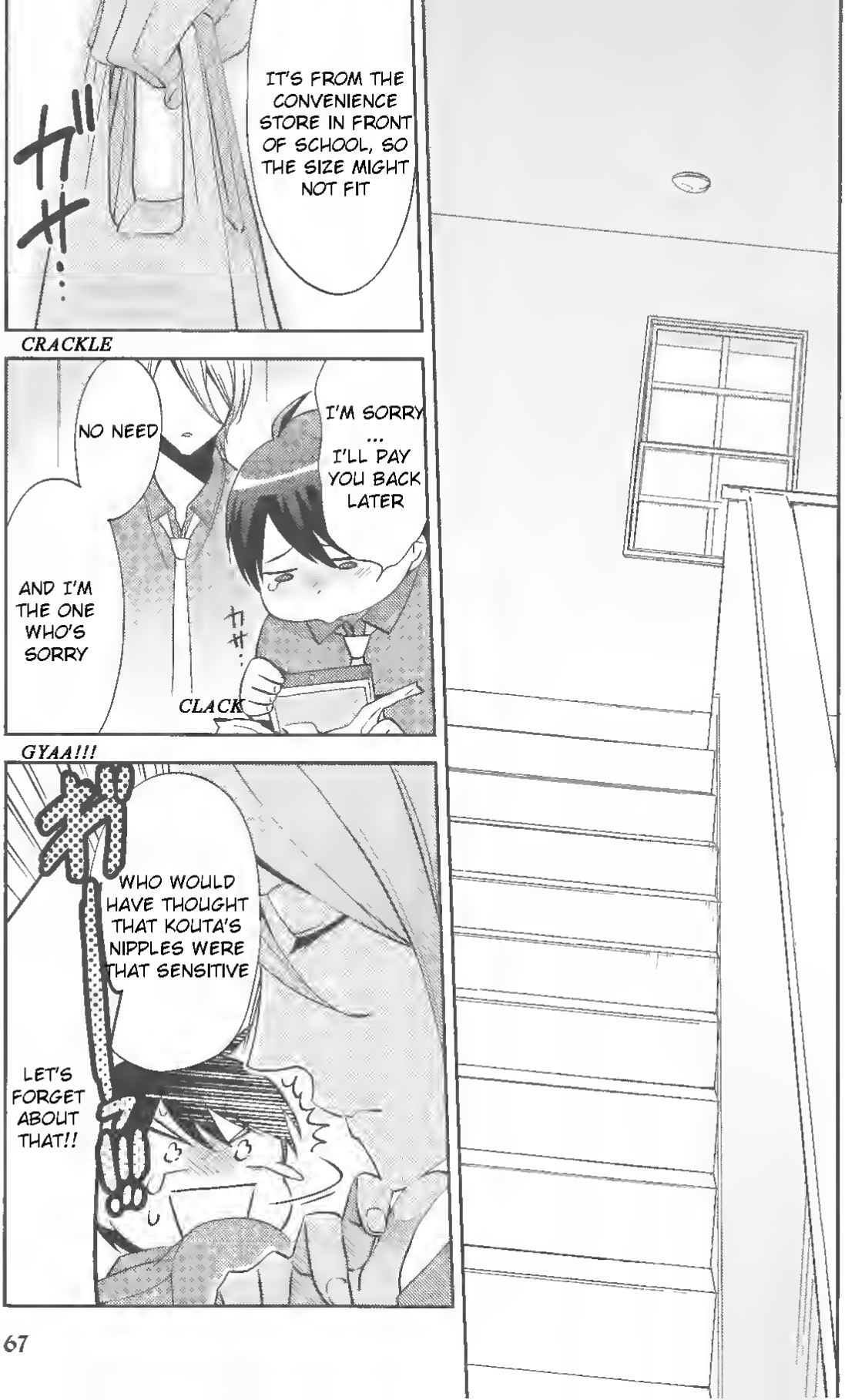
KISS
SLURP
HAAH
UM, I SAID IT'S OKAY TO LICK BUT...
MAYBE KISSING IS A BIT...
BITE
NO WAY♥
UWAA
KISS
SLURP
KISSS
THIS IS THE SWEETEST, THE VERY BEST PART♥
HNNN!!

I USUALLY DON'T LIKE SWEET THINGS, BUT KOUTA'S SWEETNESS IS DRIVING ME CRAZY
HA...
SLIP
!
WAIT
WHERE ARE YOU TOUCHING...
SHOCK
HN?
RUSTLE
IT'S DELICIOUS HERE SO I THOUGHT I'D HAVE A TASTE
IT'LL FEEL GOOD FOR KOUTA TOO SO IT'S A WIN-WIN
IT'S NOT ABOUT WHO WINS! PLEASE, ANYWHERE ELSE!
OH?
THEN... I'LL TAKE THIS
UWAA!!
JIGGLE

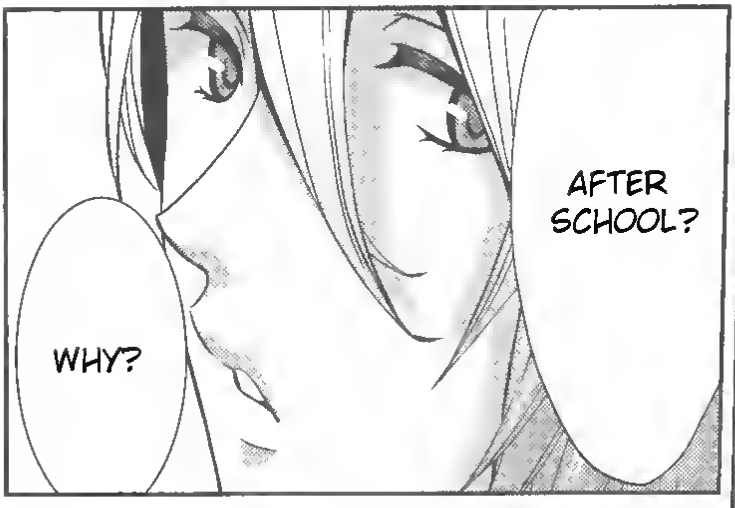
IT ISN'T AS THOUGH I WAS HIDING IT...!!
YOU'RE HIDING SOMETHING TASTY HERE TOO, HUH♥
UH
PINCH
SHOCK
UH
KISS
DON'T ... SUCK!
HN? DOES IT HURT?
UH, I MEANT-
THAT IT'S TOO STIMULATING FOR ME
IT DOESN'T HURT, IT ACTUALLY FEELS-
THAT SO?
WELL THEN, I'LL TRY TO GET IT OUT SOME OTHER WAY

I'LL EXCITE YOU
LIKE THIS
POKE
AH
YOU SAID YOU WOULDN'T LICK...
HUH?
IF HE CONTINUES LIKE THIS, I'LL FEEL WEIRD
NOT THERE
FUWA
THERE... YOU'RE TIGHTENING
S-SENPAI
AA
FONDLE FONDLE
POKE POKE
KISSS
AH-!
FU---
AH!
HN
FU----

HE HE♥
SORRY, I COULDN'T HELP MYSELF♥
AH
SHAKE SHAKE
プル プル
KOUTA?
...YOU CAME?
COULD IT BE...
KOUTA, YOU CAME JUST FROM YOUR BREA-
IT'S YOUR FAULT, SENPAI!!
UWAAH!!


IT'S FROM THE CONVENIENCE STORE IN FRONT OF SCHOOL, SO THE SIZE MIGHT NOT FIT
CRACKLE
NO NEED
I'M SORRY ... I'LL PAY YOU BACK LATER
AND I'M THE ONE WHO'S SORRY
CLACK
GYAA!!!
WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT KOUTA'S NIPPLES WERE THAT SENSITIVE
LET'S FORGET ABOUT THAT!!

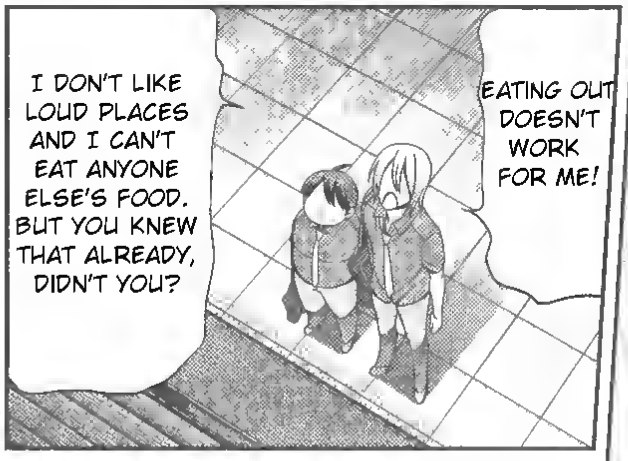
IT'S ONE THING IF IT'S JUST MY COOKING....
...BUT SENPAI SEEMS TO THINK THAT I'M DELICIOUS TOO
I HAVE TO GET SENPAI'S APPETITE BACK TO NORMAL SOMEHOW
AS I THOUGHT WE CAN'T GO ON LIKE THIS...


AFTER SCHOOL?
WHY?

THERE'S SOMEWHERE I WANT TO GO WITH YOU

SENPAI!
YES!
HN? HAVE YOU CHANGED?
ARE YOU FREE AFTER SCHOOL TODAY?

CLOSE


I DON'T LIKE LOUD PLACES AND I CAN'T EAT ANYONE ELSE'S FOOD. BUT YOU KNEW THAT ALREADY, DIDN'T YOU?
EATING OUT DOESN'T WORK FOR ME!

I WAS WONDERING WHERE YOU WANTED TO TAKE ME
THIS IS IT

IN THE CASE OF MY BENTOU, WE DON'T REALLY KNOW WHY YOU'RE OKAY WITH IT
SO I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO TRY OUT NEW THINGS AND SEE HOW THEY GO

SWING OPEN
OH, KOUTA!
IS IT BOOKED OUT?
AND IT WON'T BE NOISY EITHER SINCE IT ISN'T OPEN FOR THE TIME BEING
I'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU!
AND THIS IS THE FRIEND YOU SAID YOU WERE BRINGING ALONG?
AH
NICE TO MEET YOU
THIS IS 2ND YEAR SHIBUSAWA SENPAI
EVERYTHING IS PREPARED SO HURRY UP AND TAKE A SEAT
THIS
IS MY UNCLE'S RESTAURANT

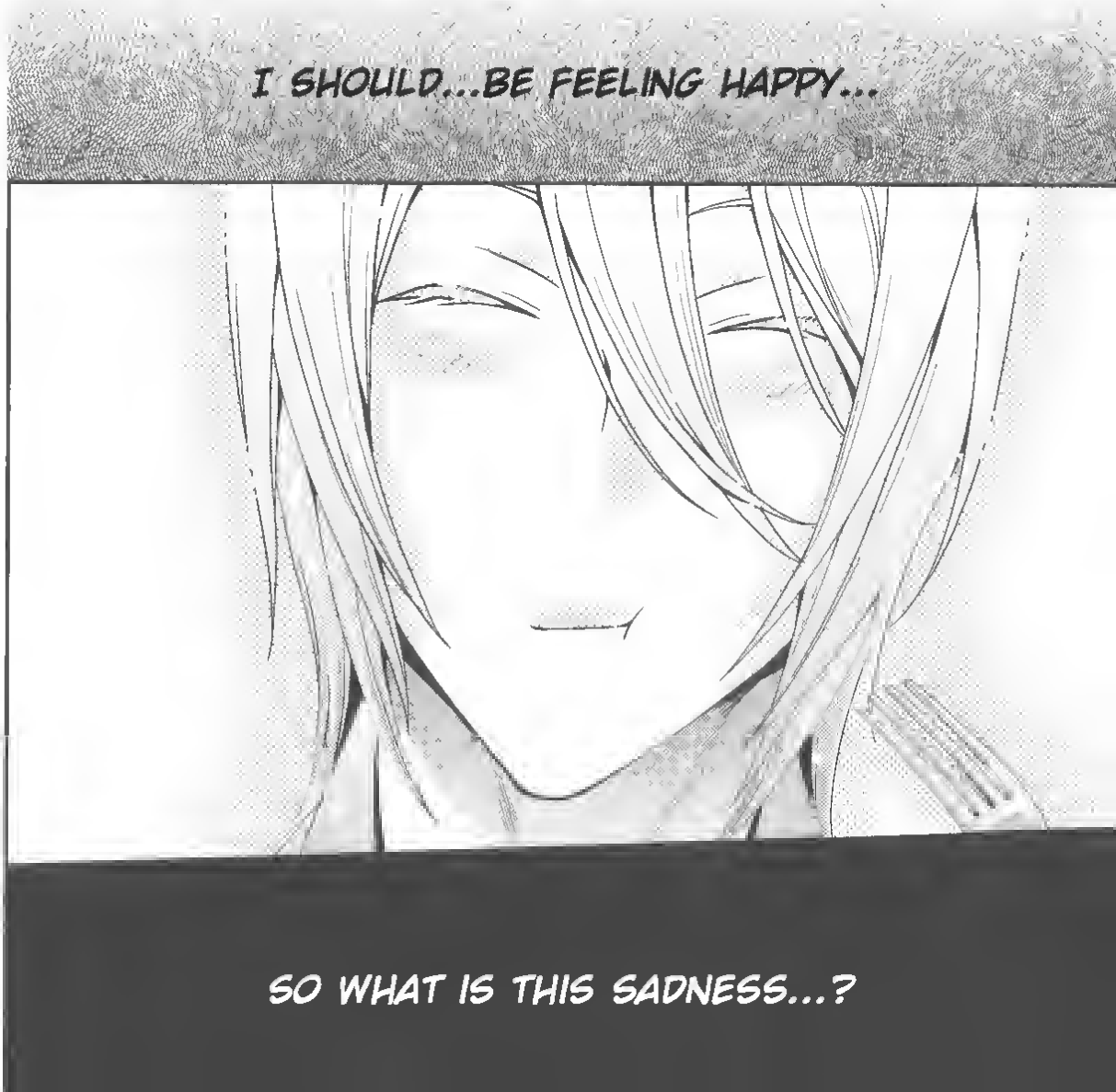
ON THE RESTAURANT'S OFF DAYS, I TRY TO HELP WITH CREATING A NEW MENU
AND OF COURSE, I DON'T NEED TO PAY FOR THE FOOD EITHER
WE'LL START WITH THREE SEASONAL DISHES I'M THINKING OF ADDING TO THE MENU
IN EXCHANGE, I GET FEEDBACK ON THE DISH'S TASTE
KOUTA HAS REALLY EXCELLENT TASTEBUDS SO IT'S A BIG HELP FOR ME
THESE ARE THE SCORE CARDS
THE TASTE...
JUST AS I THOUGHT, I DON'T FEEL READY TO PUT THEM OUT BEFORE YOU TASTE THEM FIRST, KOUTA
DON'T WORRY, I'LL HANDLE ALL OF THAT
I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN DO THIS...
I JUST THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR SENPAI TO TRY OUT NEW TASTES

I SEE
SO YOU POLISHED YOUR COOKING AND TASTING SKILLS AT YOUR UNCLE'S RESTAURANT
POLISH... IS A BIT MUCH
BUT AS A RESULT, I PUT ON EXTRA WEIGHT TOO
HA HA...

YOU SEE, THE BASE OF MY COOKING IS SIMILAR TO MY UNCLE'S
THAT'S RIGHT...
AND I THOUGHT IT WOULD SUIT YOUR PALETTE
THIS WAY, SENPAI WILL LEARN TO LIKE OTHER PEOPLE'S FOOD
AND HE'LL STOP THINKING I TASTE GOOD
I GUESS THAT'S WHY
I'M STILL FEELING OKAY FOR NOW
THE SMELL IS GOOD, TOO

STARE
じっ…
UH,
HOW IS IT?
SIP
クク…
DIP
IT'S DELICIOUS...

IT'S WEIRD...
THERE'S DESSERT TOO, SO EAT UP!
HEY, HEY YOU HAVEN'T TAKEN A BITE AT ALL !
HUH?
SO THIS FLAVOUR REALLY SUITS YOUR TASTES, HUH, SENPAI?
OH
THAT'S ..... GREAT


I SHOULD...BE FEELING HAPPY...
SO WHAT IS THIS SADNESS...?

THANKS FOR TODAY, KOUTA
OH,
IT WAS NOTHING. THANK YOU, TOO
YOUR UNCLE LOOKED SO HAPPY
THAT YOU COULD TASTE AND TELL APART EVEN THE SMALLEST DETAILS OF THE FOOD
IT'S WEIRD FOR ME
USUALLY, I HATE GOING OUT TO EAT BECAUSE I CAN'T RELAX AND THE FOOD NEVER TASTES GOOD
BUT TODAY ... CHANGED MY VIEW ON EVERYTHING
IF IT GOES ON LIKE THIS...
...I MIGHT EVEN BE ABLE TO EAT OTHER PEOPLE'S FOOD

UP UNTIL NOW, YOU'VE PROBABLY JUST BEEN CAUGHT UP IN YOUR NEGATIVE IMPRESSIONS
ONCE YOU'VE GOTTEN USED TO TRYING, I'M SURE YOU'LL LOVE ALL TYPES OF FOOD...!
THAT'S GREAT!
TH-
AND BESIDES, YOU CAN'T GO ON EATING ME IN PLACE OF DESSERT. IT'S BECOME SUCH A HANDFUL...
BUT KOUTA, YOUR COOKING IS STILL-
WELL OF COURSE!
I GUESS THAT'S TRUE
OH

WHAT IS THIS FEELING...?
I SHOULD HAVE BEEN HAPPIER WHEN SENPAI SAID MY UNCLE'S COOKING WAS GOOD...
OR WHEN HE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN EATING OTHER PEOPLE'S FOOD...
SIGH,,,
カチャ CLACK
カチャ CLACK
BUT INSTEAD OF HAPPY...
AH..
HUH?
BRO, ARE YOU ALREADY PREPARING TOMORROW'S BENTOU?

I WANT FRIED CHICKED FOR TOMORROW
SORRY
BUT I'VE ALREADY DECIDED ON TOMORROW'S MENU
BESIDES, RITSU, YOU GET YOUR MEALS FROM SCHOOL SO THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU
NO WAY! THE FOOD'S SO BORING
OPEN
UGH
YOU'VE BEEN FINE WITH IT UNTIL NOW. AND I HAVE TO MAKE AN EXTRA PORTION AS IT IS AND I DON'T WANT TO RUN SHORT
HU-H
WHOOSH
.....
SAY, BRO...
YOU SIGH WHEN TALKING ABOUT BENTOUS
COULD IT BE...
...YOU HAVE SOMEONE YOU LIKE?

I...
...LIKE SENPAI?
LIKE ...?
HUH?
WH-
THROW
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
IF YOU'RE JUST GOING TO BOTHER ME, THEN GO AWAY!!

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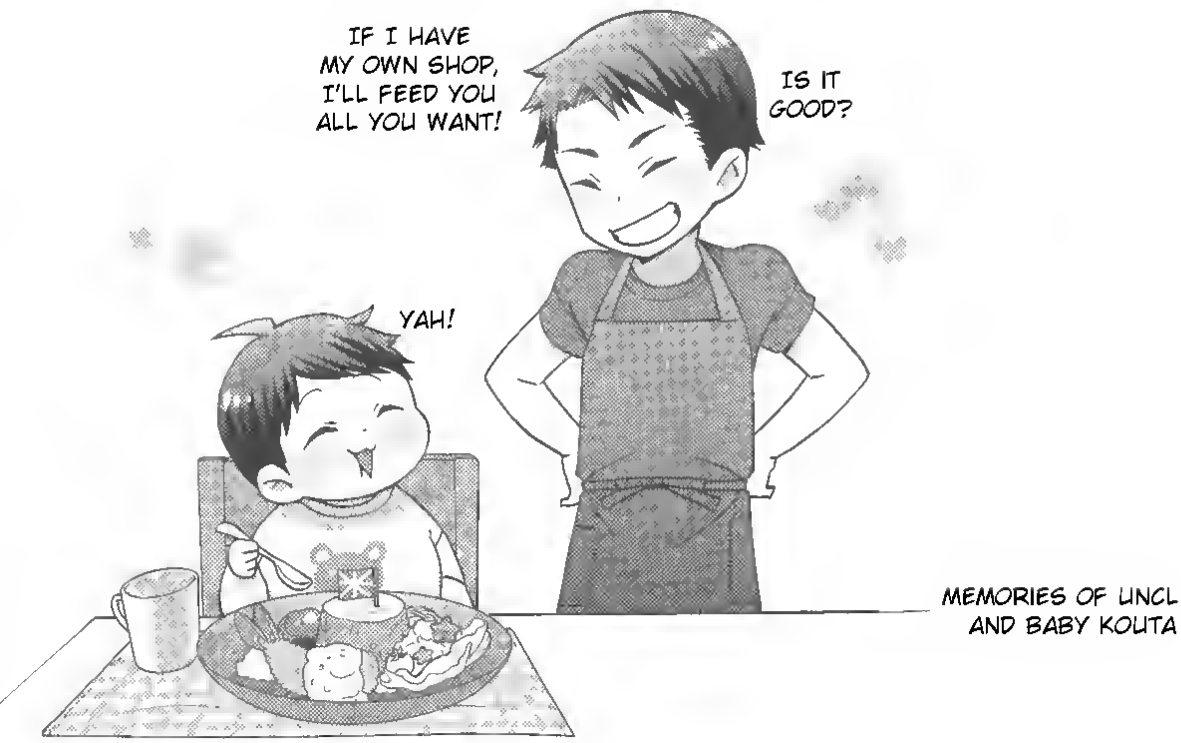
IF I HAVE MY OWN SHOP, I'LL FEED YOU ALL YOU WANT!
IS IT GOOD?
YAH!
MEMORIES OF UNCLE AND BABY KOUTA